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ALLAH - IN THE NAME OF - THE MOST BENEFICENT, THE MOST MERCIFUL.

Peace And Abundant Blessings Be Upon Our Master Mohammed - The Leader Of The Creation - And Upon His Progeny, His Companions, And All His Followers.

The issue of the celebrations of the noble birth of our Holy Prophet Mohammed sparks much debate and questions are raised as to whether it is correct or otherwise to observe it. Indeed a lot has been argued on this subject, hence the need to clarify why Muslims from all over the world celebrate this occasion as an "Eid" (literally meaning happy occasion or festival).

Those who oppose the commemoration claim the following:-

- > The Holy Prophet never celebrated it.
- The Sahaba never celebrated it.
- There are only 2 Eids in Islam (Eid-ul-Adha & Eid-ul-Fitr).
- It copies the celebration of Christmas.
- It is mixed with forbidden (Haraam) acts.
- > It is therefore a blameworthy innovation, that leads to misguidance.

The above "conclusion" made by the opponents is extremely crude and unjust – for they base their opinion on just one type of Ahadeeth, while purposely ignoring the other Ahadeeth that support introduction of new ways (Sunnahs) in religion (that are in line with Islamic law), and which do not negate an established Sunnah. It is firmly established from various Qur'anic verses, Prophetic Ahadeeth, Sunnah of the Companions, historical facts, and by consensus of the Ulema, that innovations could either be meritorious or blameworthy.

This article is not an attempt to define the categories of "Bidat" – (what is a Good Innovation or a Blameworthy Innovation etc) – for that is an entirely different subject. What this article shall prove, with Allah's help, is that this commemoration is **not an innovation (Bidat) at all!!** So the question of whether such a commemoration is good or blameworthy, simply does not arise!

May Allah guide them not to purposely hide the truth for it is feared they could then deserve the punishment promised in the Holy Qur'an

"Indeed those who hide the clear proofs and the guidance which We sent down, after We made it clear to mankind in the Book - upon them is the curse of Allah and the curse of those who curse." ¹

The other issue of whether this should be called an "Eid" or not, is very simple. The two Eids mentioned in the Ahadeeth are the COMPULSORY Eids – and on which specific types of worship must be undertaken (Eid Prayers, Sacrifice etc.), and on which Fasting is prohibited.

The other type of Eid is NOT COMPULSORY – for example any day on which a great favour was bestowed by Allah (every Friday of every week, the day of Ashura celebrated by the Holy Prophet , the day of descent of the Holy Qur'an, the day of the last Qur'anic revelation, the day the table-spread "al Maidah" was sent down, etc.). Muslims all over the world commemorate this Eid, as the latter type.

With regards to the issue of "copying Christmas", it is a fact that Christians celebrate this as the birth of Jesus (Prophet Eisa – peace be upon him) – whom they believe to be the son of God, and therefore one of their three assumed Gods. (May Allah protect us from such open infidelity - Aameen). Whereas, we know that there is only ONE God, ALLAH – Who is neither born, nor does He beget. Our commemoration marks the birth of a Noble Prophet, a human being – thus upholding our firm belief of Tawheed. The commemoration is thus a refutation of the incorrect Christian belief – and this refutation is what we are commanded to do, in the Holy Qur'an as well as in the Ahadeeth. A lot of other religions have forms of worship and rituals that resemble Islamic forms of worship and rituals - for example we read the Holy Qur'an and others read Bible, Torah, Ramayan, Geeta etc; we prostate in our Prayers and others prostrate to idols; we fast, and others also fast; we pay Zakaat and others give charity; we perform Hajj and others assemble for Mass, Kumbh Mela etc; we are commanded to obey parents, speak the truth, be good to neighbours – and so do most other religions command their followers; but that does not mean we have to leave our duties. Outward similarities are one thing - actual beliefs are another.

The issue of mixing these commemorations with forbidden (Haraam) acts is one that applies not only this, but universally to all forms of worship. Needless to say, forbidden acts must be abstained from at all times, not only during these commemorations. We cannot, obviously, leave any sort of worship because some people might mix it with forbidden acts. For example – offering Salaat is compulsory, but if the Niyyah (intention) is for showing off (display), then this act of display is forbidden – but not the Salaat. So if the person indulging in these acts (in our example display) is to be advised, he should be advised to abstain from display – but not advised to forego Salaat altogether. Another example is that if a person steals something from a mosque, should we try to prevent the theft or should we just stupidly demolish the mosque?

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¹ Surah Baqarah 2:159

THE FOLLOWING PAGES WILL MAKE IT AMPLY CLEAR THAT:-

- 1) Allah, the Almighty, has Himself commemorated Mawlid of the Holy Prophet, and that of various other Prophets.
- 2) Allah has gifted mankind with innumerable favours due to the Mawlid of the Holy Prophet, and that these favours shall continue. So this commemoration by Allah is still ongoing.
- 3) The earlier Prophets commemorated the Mawlid of the Holy Prophet, their own Mawlid, and that of their sons.
- 4) The Holy Prophet has commemorated his own Mawlid.
- 5) The Sahaba commemorated the Mawlid of the Holy Prophet.

So when such radiant and indisputable proofs are available from the Holy Qur'an and Ahadeeth, what is the need to search for "historical" evidence as to when and where it was actually done by the Ummah?

ALLAH COMMEMORATES MAWLID OF THE HOLY PROPHET 🎥



Proofs From The Holy Our'an.

Proof # 1

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ النَّبيِّينَ لَمَا آتَيْتُكُم مِّن كِتَابٍ وَحِكْمَةٍ ثُمَّ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مُّصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَكُمْ لَلُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهِ وَلَتَنصُرُنَّهُ ۚ قَالَ أَأَقْرَرْتُمُ وَ أَخَذْتُمْ عَلَىٰ ذَٰلِكُمْ إِصْرِي ﴿ قَالُوا أَقْرَرْنَا ۚ قَالَ فَاشْهَدُوا وَأَنَا مَعَكُم مِّنَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

And remember when Allah took a covenant from the Prophets; "If I give you the Book and knowledge and the (promised) Noble Messenger comes to you, confirming the Books you possess, you shall positively, definitely believe in him and you shall positively, definitely help him"; He said, "Do you agree, and accept My binding responsibility in this matter?" They all answered, "We agree"; He said, "Then bear witness amongst yourselves, and I Myself am a witness with vou." 2

"Allah has never sent a prophet, from Adam onward, unless he took from Him the covenant regarding Mohammed : i.e. if Mohammed 👺 is sent in that prophet's lifetime, he was to believe in him and support him, and that Prophet was to take this covenant to his people as well. ³

Proof # 2

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ الْيَكُم مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَاةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا برَسُولِ يَأْتِي مِن بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ ﴿ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُم بِالْبِيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا لَهَذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ

And remember when Eisa the son of Maryam said, "O Descendants of Israel! Indeed I am Allah's Noble Messenger towards you, confirming the Book Torah which was before me, <u>and heralding glad tidings of the Noble Messenger who</u> will come after me - his name is Ahmed (the Praised One)"; so when Ahmed came to them with clear proofs, they said, "This is an obvious magic."4

Proof # 3

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ

O dear Prophet, did you not see how did your Lord deal with the People of the Elephant?⁵

It is well known that Allah protected the Meccans from the attack of Abraha, and that this took place in the year of the Holy Prophet's birth. This event is an indication of the prestige of the Holy Prophet 🚑, and a clear proof of Allah's great favour in the year of the Holy Prophet's birth.

² Surah Aale I`mran 3:81

³ Syedna Ibn Abbas

Surah Saff 61:6

Surah Feel 105:1

وَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ كِتَابٌ مِّنْ عِندِ اللَّهِ مُصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَهُمْ وَكَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُم مَّا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ ۚ فَلَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُم مَّا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ ۚ فَلَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُم مَّا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ ۚ فَلَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْذَينَ لَا يَعْنَانُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْدَينَ فَيْ أَمَا مَعَهُمْ وَكَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُم مَّا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ ۚ فَلَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى اللَّهُمُ مَا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ ۚ فَلَا عَلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى اللّ

And when the Book from Allah came to them, which confirms the Book in their possession - <u>and before that they used to seek victory through the medium of this very Prophet</u> over the disbelievers; <u>so when the one whom they fully recognized came to them</u>, they turned disbelievers - therefore Allah's curse is upon the disbelievers.⁶

Proof # 5

لَعَمْرُكَ إِنَّهُمْ لَفِي سَكْرَتِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ

By your life O dear Prophet, they are indeed straying in their intoxication.⁷

Note here that Allah has sworn upon the entire life of His Holy Prophet and this includes the time of his noble birth!

Proof # 6

وَالْعَصْرِ

By oath of this era of yours (O dear Prophet Mohammed).8

⁶ Surah Baqarah 2:89

⁷ Surah Hijr 15:72

⁸ Surah A`sr 103:1

How did Allah make the DAY of the Prophet's birth, a special day?

- ➤ He made the Ka'aba lean in prostration towards the place of the noble birth.
- Allah caused the idols to fall down.
- ➤ He extinguished the fires of Persia.
- > Only male children were born on that day.
- > The skies were illuminated.
- Paradise was further decorated on this occasion.
- Allah removed drought from Mecca, turned the earth green and made the trees bear fruit, and blessings came to the Quraysh from every direction
- ➤ Allah stopped sending down torments.
- ➤ He sent down the maidens of Paradise to give company to Syedah Aminah.
- ➤ He sent down Angel Gibreel to carry the Holy Prophet, and announce his birth all over the world.

ALLAH'S GIFTS TO MANKIND DUE TO THE ADVENT OF THE HOLY PROPHET

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

The way We have sent to you a Noble Messenger from among you, who recites to you Our verses and purifies you, and teaches you the Book and sound wisdom, and teaches you what you did not know. 9

Proof # 2

Allah has indeed bestowed a great favour upon the Muslims, in that He sent to them a Noble Messenger from among them, who recites to them His verses, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom; and before it, they were definitely in open error. ¹⁰

Note that Allah has called the Holy Prophet 😂 – as one of His greatest favours to Muslims.

Proof # 3

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِندَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَاةِ وَالْإِنجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُم بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

"Those who will obey this Noble Messenger, the Herald of the Hidden who is untutored (except by Allah), whom they will find mentioned in the Taurat and the Injeel with them; he will command them to do good and forbid them from wrong, and he will make lawful for them the good clean things and prohibit the foul for them, and he will unburden the loads and the neck chains which were upon them; so those who believe in him, and revere him, and help him, and follow the light which came down with him - it is they who have succeeded." 11

Note that to honour the Holy Prophet is part of faith. To disrespect him is blasphemy.

⁹ Surah Bagarah 2:151

¹⁰ Surah Aale I`mran 3:164

¹¹ Surah Aa`raf 7:157

It is He Who has sent among the unlettered people a Noble Messenger from themselves, who recites His verses to them and purifies them, and bestows them the knowledge of the Book and wisdom; and indeed before this, they were in open error. 12

Proof # 5

And it is not for Allah to punish them while you (O dear Prophet) are amongst them; and Allah will not punish them as long as they are seeking forgiveness. 13

Proof # 6



And We did not send you (O dear Prophet) except as a mercy for the entire world. 14

Note that Allah has named the Holy Prophet "a mercy unto mankind".

¹² Surah Juma`h 62:2

¹³ Surah Anfal 8:33 14 Surah Ambiya 21:107

How has Allah rewarded the Muslims after the day of the Prophet's birth?

- He sent down the Holy Qur'an.
- He sent down the sound Wisdom (i.e. the Prophet's Sunnah)
- He made the Holy Prophet sa a Mercy to all mankind.
- ❖ He lessened the punishments of Muslims sins.
- He increased the rewards tenfold for Muslims' good deeds.
- ♦ He lessened the burdens on the necks of Muslims.
- The accepts forgiveness who seek it from him, and for whom the Holy Prophet seeks forgiveness.
- He has kept open the doors of forgiveness till the very end.
- ♦ He has promised first entry in to Paradise for the Muslims.
- This list is endless.

From the above it is proven that Allah has gifted mankind with innumerable favours due to the Mawlid of the Holy Prophet , and that these favours shall continue. So this commemoration by Allah is still ongoing. This also proves that any day can be chosen to commemorate this auspicious occasion, because the gifts and commemoration from Allah are continuous, every day, every hour, every moment. Muslims usually choose the twelfth (12th) day of Rabi-ul-Awwal, because that is the day the Holy Prophet was born, and is the easiest to remember. Any other day can also been chosen. And we all know that unless something is scheduled, it is human nature to keep postponing it or to simply forget it.

ALLAH EXHORTS MUSLIMS TO REMEMBER THE ADVENT OF THE HOLY PROPHET.

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

It is <u>He Who has sent His Noble Messenger</u> with guidance and the religion of truth, in order that He may make it prevail over all other religions, even if the polytheists get annoyed. ¹⁵

Proof # 2

<u>Indeed there has come to you a Noble Messenger from among you - your falling into hardship aggrieves him, most concerned for your well being, for the Muslims most compassionate, most merciful.</u> ¹⁶

Proof # 3

Allah has indeed bestowed a great favour upon the Muslims, in that He sent to them a Noble Messenger from among them, who recites to them His verses, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom; and before it, they were definitely in open error. ¹⁷

Note that the Holy Prophet 😹 is one of Allah's greatest favours to mankind.

Proof # 4

O mankind! Indeed the clear proof from your Lord has come to you, and We have sent down to you a bright light. 18

Note here the Holy Prophet 👺 is a mentioned as a "Clear Proof" from Allah.

¹⁵ Surah Saff 61:9

¹⁶ Surah Taubah 9:128

¹⁷ Surah Aale Γmran 3:164

¹⁸ Surah Nisa 4:174

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمُ الرَّسُولُ بِالْحَقِّ مِن رَّبَّكُمْ فَآمِنُوا خَيْرًا لَّكُمْ ۚ وَإِن تَكْفُرُوا فَإِنَّ بِشِّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا

O mankind! This Noble Messenger has come to you with the truth from your Lord, so accept faith for your own good; and if you disbelieve, then undoubtedly to Allah only belongs all whatever is in the heavens and the in earth; and Allah is All Knowing, Wise. ¹⁹

Proof # 6

O People given the Book(s)! <u>Indeed this Noble Messenger of Ours has come to you</u>, revealing to you a lot of the things which you had hidden in the Book, and forgiving a lot of them; indeed towards you has come a light from Allah, and a clear Book. ²⁰

Note here the Holy Prophet is a mentioned as a "light" from Allah.

Proof # 7

O People given the Book(s)! <u>Indeed this Noble Messenger of Ours has come to you</u>, revealing to you Our commands, after the Noble Messengers had stopped arriving for ages, for you might claim, "Never did any Harbinger of Glad Tidings or Herald of Warning come to us" - so this Herald of glad tidings and warning has come to you; and Allah is Able to do all things. ²¹

Proof #8

Say, "Upon Allah's munificence and upon His mercy - upon these should the people rejoice"; this is better than all the wealth they hoard. 22

This verse clearly states that REJOICING upon the favours and mercy from Allah is better that all worldly goods. And there is no doubt that the Holy Prophet is (a) A great favour from Allah and (b) Allah's Mercy towards the entire world. This general permission from Allah applies to all His favours.

¹⁹ Surah Nisa 4:170

²⁰ Surah Maidah 5:15

²¹ Surah Maidah 5:19

²² Surah Yunus 10:58

ALLAH COMMEMORATES THE MAWLID OF VARIOUS PROPHETS & OTHER VIRTUOUS PERSONS

THE BIRTH OF SYEDNA ADAM (peace be upon him)

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an.

Proof # 1

And it is <u>He Who has created you from a single soul</u> - then you have to stop over in one place and stay entrusted in another; indeed We have explained Our verses in detail for people of understanding. ²³

Proof # 2

فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِن رُّوحِي فَقَعُوا لَهُ سَاجِدِينَ

"So when I have perfected him and breathed into him a spirit from Myself, (you all) fall down before him in prostration." ²⁴

Proof From Ahadeeth

Narrated Syedna Aws ibn Aws : The Holy Prophet said: Among the most excellent of your days is Friday; on it Adam was created, on it he died, on it the last trumpet will be blown, and on it the shout will be made, so invoke more blessings on me that day, for your blessings will be submitted to me. The people asked: O Messenger of Allah, how can it be that our blessings will be submitted to you while your body is decayed? He replied: Allah, the Supreme, has prohibited the earth from consuming the bodies of Prophets. ²⁵

THE BIRTH OF SYEDNA YAHYA (peace be upon him)

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an.

Proof # 1

ذِكْرُ رَحْمَتِ رَبِّكَ عَبْدَهُ زَكَرِيًّا ; إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ نِدَاءً خَفِيًّا

This is the remembrance of the mercy of your Lord upon His bondman Zakaria. When he softly prayed to his Lord. ²⁶

Note that Allah has called the birth of Syedna Yahya a "mercy", and its mentioning in the Holy Qur'an as a "remembrance". What greater evidence would be required for the remembrance of the Holy Prophet's shirth, who is the "Mercy to the entire creation?"

²³ Surah Ana`am 6:98

²⁴ Surah Saad 38:72

²⁵ Sunan Abu Daud

²⁶ Surah Maryam 19:2-3

يَا زَكَرِيًا إِنَّا نُبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَامٍ اسْمُهُ يَحْيَىٰ لَمْ نَجْعَل لَّهُ مِن قَبْلُ سَمِيًّا ;قَالَ رَبِّ أَنَّىٰ يَكُونُ لِي غُلَامٌ وَكَانَتِ امْرَأَتِي عَاقِرًا وَقَدْ بَلَغْتُ مِنَ الْكِبَرِ عِتِيًّا; قَالَ كَذَٰلِكَ قَالَ رَبُّكَ هُوَ عَلَيَّ هَيِّنٌ وَقَدْ خَلَقْتُكَ مِن قَبْلُ وَلَمْ تَكُ شَيْئًا

"O Zakaria! We give you the glad tidings of a son whose name is Yahya (John) - before him, We have not created anyone of this name." He submitted, "My Lord - how can I have a son whereas my wife is barren and I have reached infirmity due to old age?" He (the angel) said, "So it is; your Lord says, 'This is easy for Me - in fact I created you before this, at a time when you did not exist.' "²⁷

Proof # 3

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَيْهِ يَوْمَ وُلِدَ وَيَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ يُبْعَثُ حَيًّا

And peace is upon him the day he was born, and the day he will taste death, and the day he will be raised alive. ²⁸

Proof # 4

وَزَكَرِيَّا إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ ; فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ يَحْيَىٰ وَأَصْلَحْنَا لَهُ زَوْجَهُ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسَارِ عُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا ۖ وَكَانُوا لَنَا خَاشِعِينَ

And remember Zakaria, when he prayed to his Lord, "O my Lord - do not leave me alone, and You are the Best Inheritor. We therefore heard his prayer; and bestowed him Yahya, and cured his wife for him; indeed they used to hasten to perform good deeds, and pray to Us with hope and fear; and used to weep before Us. ²⁹

THE BIRTH OF SYEDNA MOOSA (peace be upon him)

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an.

Proof # 1

وَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ أُمِّ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَرْضِعِيهِ ﴿ فَإِذَا خِفْتِ عَلَيْهِ فَٱلْقِيهِ فِي الْيَمِّ وَلَا تَخَافِي وَلَا تَخْزِنِي ۗ إِنَّا رَادُّوهُ إِلَيْكِ وَجَاعِلُوهُ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

And We inspired the mother of Moosa that, "Suckle him; then when you fear for him, cast him into the river and do not fear nor grieve; We shall indeed return him back to you and make him one of the Noble Messengers."³⁰

²⁷ Surah Maryam 19:7-9

²⁸ Surah Maryam 19:15

²⁹ Surah Ambiya 21:89-90

³⁰ Surah Qasas 28:7

THE BIRTH OF SYEDNA EISA (peace be upon him)

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an.

Proof # 1

فَحَمَلَتْهُ فَانتَبَذَتْ بِهِ مَكَانًا قَصِيًّا; فَأَجَاءَهَا الْمَخَاضُ إِلَىٰ جِذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ قَالَتْ يَا لَيْتَنِي مِتُ قَبْلَ هَٰذَا وَكُنتُ نَسْيًا مَّنسِيًّا

So she conceived him, and she went away with him to a far place. Then the pangs of childbirth brought her to the base of the palm-tree; she said, "Oh, if only had I died before this and had become forgotten, unremembered." ³¹

Proof # 2

وَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدتُّ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أَبْعَثُ حَيًّا ; لَٰلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۚ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ

"And peace is upon me the day I was born, and on the day I shall taste death, and on the day I will be raised alive." This is Eisa (Jesus), the son of Maryam; a true statement, in which they doubt.³²

THE BIRTHS OF SYEDNA ISMAIL & ISHAAQ (peace be upon them)

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

قَالُوا لَا تَوْجَلُ إِنَّا نُبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَامٍ عَلِيمٍ

They said, "Do not fear - we convey to you the glad tidings of a knowledgeable boy." 33

Proof # 2

الْحَمْدُ لِثِّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ ۚ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

"All praise is to Allah Who gave me Ismail and Ishaaq, in my old age; indeed my Lord is the Listener of Prayer." 34

THE BIRTHS OF SEVERAL PROPHETS (peace be upon them)

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ انْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَعَلَ فِيكُمْ أَنبِيَاءَ وَجَعَلَكُم مُّلُوكًا وَآتَاكُم مَّا لَمْ يُؤْتِ أَحَدًا مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ

And when Moosa said to his people, "O my people! <u>Remember Allah's favour upon you, that He created Prophets among you</u>, and made you kings, and has now given you what He has not given to any one else in this world." ³⁵

³¹ Surah Maryam 19:22-23

³² Surah Maryam 19:33-34

³³ Surah Hijr 15:53

³⁴ Surah Ibrahim 14:39

³⁵ Surah Maidah 5:20

Note that Allah has mentioned the creation of Prophets among the Bani Israel, separately from other favours, in order to especially highlight this favour.

THE BIRTH OF SYEDAH MARYAM (Allah be pleased with her)

Proof # 1

فَلَمَّا وَضَعَتْهَا قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَضَعْتُهَا أُنثَىٰ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعَتْ وَلَيْسَ الذَّكَرُ كَالْأُنثَىٰ ۖ وَإِنِّي سَمَّيْتُهَا مَرْيَمَ وَإِنِّي أُعِيدُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

So when she gave birth to it, she said, "My Lord! I have indeed given birth to a girl!" And Allah well knows what she gave birth to; and the boy she had prayed for is not like this girl; "And I have named her Maryam and I give her and her offspring in Your protection, against Satan the outcast."³⁶

THE BIRTH OF SYEDNA SIDDIQ AKBAR

Proof # 1

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا ﴿حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا ۖوَحَمْلُهُ وَفِصَالُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَهُ وَبَلَغَ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَتِي ۖ إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

And We have commanded man to be good towards parents; <u>his mother bore him with hardship</u>, and delivered him with <u>hardship</u>; and carrying him and weaning him is for thirty months; until when he reached maturity and became forty years of age, he said, "My Lord! Inspire me to be thankful for the favours you bestowed upon me and my parents, and that I may perform the deeds pleasing to You, and keep merit among my offspring; I have inclined towards you and I am a Muslim." ³⁷

From the above it is amply clear that Allah has commemorated Mawlid of many of His noble Prophets, and others who are worthy of His proximity.

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³⁶ Surah Aale I`mran 3:36

³⁷ Surah Ahqaf 46:15

ALLAH COMMANDS THE BELIEVERS TO REMEMBER HIS NOBLE PROPHETS

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

And indeed We sent Moosa along with Our signs that, "Bring your people from the realms of darkness into light - <u>and</u> remind them of the days of Allah; indeed in them are signs for every greatly enduring, grateful person." ³⁸

Abdullah Ibn Ahmad reports in Zawayd Al- Musnad and Al-Bayhaqi in Shu'ab Al-Iman reports on the authority of Ibn Ka`b that he said that the Holy Prophet said: "The days of Allah" are Allah's Blessings and Signs, and the Prophet's birth is a great bliss. 39

Proof # 2

<u>Indeed following the Noble Messenger of Allah is better for you</u> – for one who is confident of Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah much. ⁴⁰

Proof # 3

<u>Allah has indeed bestowed a great favour upon the Muslims, in that He sent to them a Noble Messenger from among</u> them, who recites to them His verses, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom; and before it, they were definitely in open error.⁴¹

Proof # 4

And when Moosa said to his people, "O my people! Remember Allah's favour upon you, that He created Prophets among you, and made you kings, and has now given you what He has not given to any one else in this world."

Proof # 5

³⁸ Surah Ibrahim 14:5

³⁹ Al-Aloosi's Rooh Al-Ma`aani

⁴⁰ Surah Ahzab 33:21

⁴¹ Surah Aale Γmran 3:164

⁴² Surah Maidah 5:20

وَاذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۚ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صِدِّيقًا نَّبِيًّا

And remember Ibrahim in the Book; he was very truthful, a Herald of the Hidden (a Prophet) 43

Proof # 6

<u>And remember Moosa in the Book</u>; he was indeed a chosen one, and he was a Noble Messenger, a Herald of the Hidden.⁴⁴

Proof # 7

<u>And remember Ismail in the Book</u>; he was indeed true to his promise and was a Noble Messenger, a Prophet. ⁴⁵

Proof #8

And remember Idrees in the Book; he was indeed very truthful, a Prophet. 46

Proof#9

<u>And remember Dawud and Sulaiman</u>, when they were deciding the dispute of a field, when some people's sheep had strayed into it at night; and We were Present at the time of their deciding.⁴⁷

Proof # 10

<u>And remember Ayyub</u> (Job), when he called his Lord that, "Hardship has afflicted me, and You are the Most Merciful of all those who have mercy." 48

⁴³ Surah Maryam 19:41

⁴⁴ Surah Maryam 19:51

⁴⁵ Surah Maryam 19:54

⁴⁶ Surah Maryam 19:56

⁴⁷ Surah Ambiya 21:78

⁴⁸ Surah Ambiya 21:83

<u>And remember Zakaria</u>, when he prayed to his Lord, "O my Lord - do not leave me alone, and You are the Best Inheritor. We therefore heard his prayer; and bestowed him Yahya, and cured his wife for him; indeed they used to hasten to perform good deeds, and pray to Us with hope and fear; and used to weep before Us. ⁴⁹

Proof # 12

In order that you, O people, may accept faith in Allah and His Noble Messenger, and honour and revere the Noble Messenger; and may say the Purity of Allah, morning and evening.⁵⁰

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⁴⁹ Surah Ambiya 21:89-90

⁵⁰ Surah Fath 48:9

ALLAH SENDS SALAAM TO ALL HIS PROPHETS

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1	
	إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَنَّهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ۚ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا
Indeed Allah and His angels send blessing salutations upon him. ⁵¹	gs on the Prophet; O People who Believe! Send blessings and abundant
	be upon the Holy Prophet Mohammed, and upon his virtuous wives, his hose who rightly follow him until the last day.
Proof # 2	
	وَسَلَامٌ عَلَيْهِ يَوْمَ وُلِدَ وَيَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ يُبْعَثُ حَيًّا
And peace is upon him the day he was bor	rn, and the day he will taste death, and the day he will be raised alive. 52
Proof # 3	
	سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ نُوحٍ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ
Peace be upon Nooh, among the entire pe	eople. ⁵³
Proof # 4	
	سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَ اهِيمَ
Peace be upon Ibrahim! 54	
Proof # 5	
	سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ
Peace be upon Moosa and Haroon! 55	
Proof#6	
	سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ إِلْ يَاسِينَ
Peace be upon Ilyas! 56	
 51 Surah Ahzab 33:56 52 Surah Maryam 19:15 53 Surah Saffat 37:79 54 Surah Saffat 37:109 55 Surah Saffat 37:120 	

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ

And peace is upon the Noble Messengers. 57

The above is sufficient proof that the Holy Prophets are alive – and the remembrance of their noble births is for those whom Allah has kept alive.

⁵⁶ Surah Saffat 37:130 ⁵⁷ Surah Saffat 37:181

ALLAH THE CREATOR OF ALL, EXHORTS US TO REMEMBER HIM AND BE THANKFUL.

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

O mankind! Worship your Lord, Who has created you and those before you, in the hope of attaining piety. 58

Proof # 2

فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ

Therefore remember Me, I will cause you to be spoken of and acknowledge My rights, and do not be ungrateful.⁵⁹

Proof # 3

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنَا عَلَىٰ وَهْنِ وَفِصَالُهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمَصِيرُ

And We ordained upon man concerning his parents; his mother bore him enduring weakness upon weakness, and his suckling is up to two years – therefore be thankful to Me and to your parents; finally towards Me is the return. ⁶⁰

Proof # 4

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا ﴿حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا ۖوَحَمْلُهُ وَفِصَالُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا ۚحَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَهُ وَبَلَغَ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَتِي ۖ إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِنَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

And We have commanded man to be good towards parents; his mother bore him with hardship, and delivered him with hardship; and carrying him and weaning him is for thirty months; until when he reached maturity and became forty years of age, he said, "My Lord! Inspire me to be thankful for the favours you bestowed upon me and my parents, and that I may perform the deeds pleasing to You, and keep merit among my offspring; I have inclined towards you and I am a Muslim."

⁵⁸ Surah Baqarah 2:21

⁵⁹ Baqarah 2:152

⁶⁰ Surah Luqman 31:14

⁶¹ Surah Ahqaf 46:15

ثُمَّ لَأَتِيَنَّهُم مِّن بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَن شَمَائِلِهِمْ ۖ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ

"Then I will certainly approach them - from their front and from behind them and from their right and from their left; and You will find most of them not thankful." 62

In this verse Allah warns us of the intention of the devil - that he does not want us to be thankful.

⁶² Surah Aa`raf 7:17

ALLAH COMMANDS MUSLIMS TO REMEMBER HIS FAVOURS, TO INCREASE HIS WORSHIP ESPECIALLY ON THE GREAT DAYS, AND TO REJOICE UPON HIS FAVOURS & MERCY.

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

فَاذْكُرُ وِنِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ

Therefore remember Me, I will cause you to be spoken of and acknowledge My rights, and do not be ungrateful 63

Proof # 2

إِنَّ الصَّفَا وَالْمَرْوَةَ مِن شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ ۖ فَمَنْ حَجَّ الْبَيْتَ أَوِ اعْتَمَرَ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِ أَن يَطَّوَّفَ بِهِمَا ۚ وَمَن تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاكِرٌ عَلِيمٌ

Undoubtedly Safa and Marwah are among the symbols of Allah; so there is no sin on him, for whoever performs the Hajj of this House (of Allah) or the Umrah to go back and forth between them; and whoever does good of his own accord, then (know that) indeed Allah is Most Appreciative, the All Knowing. 64

Note here that Allah has promised excellent reward for those who good deeds of their own accord (increase their non-obligatory worship) - for such Allah will be "Most Appreciative".

Proof # 3

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ

The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months. 65

Worship during this night carries the reward of worship of more than a thousand months – it is the first time that the Holy Qur'an was revealed to the Holy Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him). This further proves that it is recommended to increase our worship in remembrance of Allah's great favours.

Proof # 4

يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِي أُوفِ بِعَهْدِكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ فَارْ هَبُونِ

O Descendants of Israel! <u>Remember My favour which I bestowed upon you</u>, and fulfil your covenant towards Me, I shall fulfil My covenant towards you; and fear Me alone.⁶⁶

⁶³ Surah Baqarah 2:152

⁶⁴ Surah Baqarah 2:158

⁶⁵ Surah alQadr 97:3

⁶⁶ Surah Baqarah 2:40

O Descendants of Israel! <u>Remember the favour of Mine, which I bestowed upon you and gave you superiority over</u> others of your time. ⁶⁷

Note the superiority is by the sending of the Noble Messengers.

Proof # 6

وَإِذَا طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَبَلَغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ فَأَمْسِكُو هُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ سَرِّحُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ ۚ وَلَا تُمْسِكُو هُنَّ ضِرَارًا لِّتَعْتَدُوا ۚ وَمَن يَفْعَلْ ذَٰلِكَ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ ۚ وَلَا تُمْسِكُو هُنَّ ضِرَارًا لِّتَعْتَدُوا ۚ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَا أَنزَلَ عَلَيْكُم مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ يَعِظُكُم بِهِ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ وَالْعَمْدُ وَالْعَلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

And when you have divorced women, and their term reaches its end, either retain them on good terms within this period or release them with kindness; and do not retain them in order to hurt them, hence transgressing the limits; and he who does so harms only himself; and do not make the signs of Allah the objects of ridicule; and remember Allah's favour that is bestowed upon you and that He has sent down to you the Book and wisdom, for your guidance; keep fearing Allah and know well that Allah knows everything.⁶⁸

The favour separately mentioned here is the advent of the Holy Prophet



Proof # 7

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Allah has indeed bestowed a great favour upon the Muslims, in that He sent to them a Noble Messenger from among them, who recites to them His verses, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom; and before it, they were definitely in open error.⁶⁹

Note that the Holy Prophet is one of Allah's greatest favours to mankind.

Proof #8

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَعَلَ فِيكُمْ أَنبِيَاءَ وَجَعَلَكُم مُّلُوكًا وَآتَاكُم مَّا لَمْ يُؤْتِ أَحَدًا مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ

And when Moosa said to his people, "O my people! Remember Allah's favour upon you, that He created Prophets among you, and made you kings, and has now given you what He has not given to any one else in this world." "

Note that the creation of Prophets is mentioned as a separate favour.

⁶⁷ Surah Baqarah 2:47

⁶⁸ Surah Bagarah 2:231

⁶⁹ Surah Aale I`mran 3:164

⁷⁰ Surah Maidah 5:20

O mankind! The advice has come to you from your Lord and a cure for the hearts - and guidance and mercy for believers. Say, "<u>Upon Allah's munificence and upon His mercy - upon these</u> should the people rejoice"; this is better than all the wealth they hoard. ⁷¹

Proof # 10

And indeed We sent Moosa along with Our signs that, "Bring your people from the realms of darkness into light - <u>and</u> remind them of the days of Allah; indeed in them are signs for every greatly enduring, grateful person."⁷²

The "days of Allah" refers to days when various favours were bestowed.

Proof # 11

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ

And abundantly proclaim the favours of your Lord. 73

Note that we are commanded here to keep proclaiming the "favours" of our Lord Allah.

Proofs From The Ahadeeth

Proof # 1

Narrated Syedna Abu Hurayrah : The Messenger of Allah said: The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday; on it Adam was created, on it he was expelled (from Paradise), on it his contrition was accepted, on it he died, and on it the Last Hour will take place. On Friday every beast is on the lookout from dawn to sunrise in fear of the Last Hour, but not jinn and men, and it contains a time at which no Muslim prays and asks anything from Allah but He will give it to him. Ka'b said: That is one day every year. So I said: It is on every Friday. Ka'b read the Torah and said: The Messenger of Allah has spoken the truth. Abu Hurayrah said: I met Abdullah ibn Salam and told him of my meeting with Ka'b. Abdullah ibn Salam said: I know what time it is. Abu Hurayrah said: I asked him to tell me about it. Abdullah ibn Salam said: It is at the very end of Friday. I asked: How can it be when the Messenger of Allah has said: "No Muslim finds it while he is praying...." and this is the moment when no prayer is offered. Abdullah ibn Salam said: Has the Messenger of Allah hot said: "If anyone is seated waiting for the prayer, he is engaged in the prayer until he observes it." I said: Yes, it is so. 74

⁷¹ Surah Yunus 10:57-58

⁷² Surah Ibrahim 14:5

⁷³ Surah Duha 93:11

⁷⁴ Sunan Abu Daud

Narrated Syedna Aws ibn Aws : The Prophet said: Among the most excellent of your days is Friday; on it Adam was created, on it he died, on it the last trumpet will be blown, and on it the shout will be made, so invoke more blessings on me that day, for your blessings will be submitted to me. The people asked: Messenger of Allah, how can it be that our blessings will be submitted to you while your body is decayed? He replied: Allah, the Exalted, has prohibited the earth from consuming the bodies of Prophets.⁷⁵

Proof # 3

Narrated Syedna Abu Moosa : The day of 'Ashura' was considered as Eid day by the Jews. So the Prophet ordered, "I recommend you (Muslims) to fast on this day." 76

Proof # 4

Syedna Abu Sa'id Khudri reported that Mu'awiya went to a circle in the mosque and said: What makes you sit here? They said: We are sitting here in order to remember Allah. He said: I adjure you by Allah (to tell me whether you are sitting here for this very purpose)? They said: By Allah, we are sitting here for this very purpose. Thereupon, he said: I have not demanded you to take an oath, because of any allegation against you and none of my rank in the eye of Allah's Messenger 🚑 is the narrator of so few Ahadeeth as I am. The fact is that Allah's Messenger 👙 went out to the circle of his Companions and said: What makes you sit? They said: We are sitting here in order to remember Allah and to praise Him for He guided us to the path of Islam and He conferred favours upon us. Thereupon he adjured by Allah and asked if that only was the purpose of their sitting there. They said: By Allah, we are not sitting here but for this very purpose, whereupon he (Allah's Messenger) said: I am not asking you to take an oath because of any allegation against you but for the fact that Gabriel came to me and he informed me that Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, was talking to the angels about your magnificence.⁷⁷

There is no doubt that the Holy Prophet is Allah's great favour, and that Allah is well pleased who thank Him for this!

⁷⁵ Sunan Abu Daud

⁷⁶ Bukhari 77 Muslim

THE NOBLE PROPHETS COMMEMORATED THE MAWLID OF THE HOLY PROPHET, THEIR OWN MAWLID AND THAT OF THEIR SONS.

Proofs From The Holy Qur'an

Proof # 1

الْحَمْدُ لِنِّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ ۚ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

"All praise is to Allah Who gave me Ismail and Ishaaq, in my old age; indeed my Lord is the Listener of Prayer." 18

Proof # 2

وَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدتُّ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أَبْعَثُ حَيًّا ; ذَٰلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۚ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ

"And peace is upon me the day I was born, and on the day I shall taste death, and on the day I will be raised alive." This is Eisa (Jesus), the son of Maryam; a true statement, in which they doubt. 79

Proof # 3

يَا قَوْمِ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا ﴿ إِنَّ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي ۗ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

"O my people! I do not ask any fee from you for it; my reward is only upon Him Who has created me; so do you not have sense?" ⁸⁰ (The words of Prophet Hud peace be upon him)

Proof # 4

الَّذِي خَلَقَنِي فَهُوَ يَهْدِينِ

"The One Who created me, so He will guide me." 81 (The words of Prophet Ibrahim – peace be upon him)

Proof # 5

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُم مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ النَّوْرَاةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِن بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ ۖ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا لَهٰذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ

And remember when Eisa the son of Maryam said, "O Descendants of Israel! Indeed I am Allah's Noble Messenger towards you, confirming the Book Torah which was before me, and heralding glad tidings of the Noble Messenger who will come after me – his name is Ahmed (the Praised One)"; so when Ahmed came to them with clear proofs, they said, "This is an obvious magic."⁸²

⁷⁸ Surah Ibrahim 14:39

⁷⁹ Surah Maryam 19:33-34

⁸⁰ Surah Hud 11:51

⁸¹ Surah Shua`ra 26:78

⁸² Surah Saff 61:6

THE HOLY PROPHET COMMEMORATED HIS OWN BIRTH

Proofs From The Ahadeeth

Proof # 1

The Holy Prophet commemorated his own Mawlid by Fasting

Syedna Qatadah Al-Ansaari an narrated that the Prophet was asked about fasting on Monday and he replied: "It is the day on which I was born and on which I received the Divine Revelation". 83

This hadeeth is clear evidence of the importance of the commemoration of the Holy Prophet's birthday through worship. And Allah the Supreme has commanded in the Holy Qur'an to follow his example –

"Indeed following the Noble Messenger of Allah is better for you – for one who is confident of Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah much. 84

It is also important to note that the Holy Prophet fixed a certain day, every week, for offering this gratitude. He did this for other matters also e.g. visiting Quba Mosque, visiting martyrs' graves at Uhud, etc. So if Muslims "fix" a certain day, this too is part of Sunnah. Al-Hafiz ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, in his book Lataif al-maarif, explaining this hadeeth of Muslim said, "It is good to fast on the days that Allah honoured and favoured his servants."

Proof # 2

The Holy Prophet sistened to the couplets about his own noble birth!

وَأَجْمَلُ مِنْكَ لَمْ ثَلِدِ النَّسَاءُ	 وأحسنُ منكَ لم ترَ قطُّ عيني
كأنكَ قدْ خلقتَ كما تشاءً	خلقتَ مبرأ منْ كلُّ عيب

My eyes have not seen a person better than you; No woman ever gave birth to a person more beautiful than you! You were created flawless, without the slightest blemish; It seems you were created according to your wish!

The above couplets were recited by Syedna Hassaan bin Thabit Al-Ansaari , in front of the Holy Prophet, in the sacred mosque in Medina, in the presence of many other companions.⁸⁵

What better and more compelling evidence is needed to prove that the Holy Prophet and his companions commemorated his noble birth?

84 Surah Ahzab 33:21

⁸³ Muslim

⁸⁵ From the Diwan of Hassaan bin Thabit

The Holy Prophet celebrated his own Mawlid by offering extra sacrifice (Aqeeqah)

Narrated Syedna Anas that the Holy Prophet slaughtered an Aqeeqah (sacrificial animal) on his own behalf, after receiving his first revelation. 86

He did this 40 years after his birth, though one had been slaughtered by his grandfather when he was born. This is yet another solid evidence for increasing acts of worship and remembrance of the Holy Prophet's birth, for the sacrifice is an act of worship associated with birth.

The Holy Prophet recalled his own creation, his excellent lineage, his birth, and his Finality.

Proof # 4

Syedna Wathila b. al-Asqa' reported: I heard Allah's Messenger as saying: Verily Allah granted eminence to Kinana from amongst the descendants of Isma'il and he granted eminence to the Quraysh amongst Kinana and he granted eminence to the Quraysh amongst Banu Hashim and he granted me eminence from the tribe of Banu Hashim.⁸⁷

Proof # 5

Narrated Syedna Abu Hurayra :: Allah's Messenger : said, "I have been sent (as an Messenger) in the best of all the generations of Adam's offspring since their Creation." 88

Proof # 6

Allah's Messenger said, "I was cast into the clay of Adam and was the promise of my father Ibrahim and the good news of Eisa ibn Marvam" 89

Proof # 7

The Holy Prophet praised his own name and recited poetry about himself in the middle of the battle of Hunayn in order to encourage the companions and scare the enemies. That day he said: "I am the Prophet! This is no lie. I am the son of `Abd al-Muttalib!" 90

Proof # 8

Syedna Jabir preported Allah's Messenger as saying: The similitude of mine and that of the Messengers is like that of a person who built a house and he completed it and made it perfect but for the space of a brick. People entered therein and they were surprised at it and said: Had there been a brick (it would have been complete in all respects).

Allah's Messenger 🐉 said: I am that place where the brick (completing the building is to be placed), and I have come

⁸⁶ Bayhaqi, Suyutee

⁸⁷ Muslim

⁸⁸ Bukhari

⁸⁹ Sunan Ahmad, Bayhaqi, Hakim

⁹⁰ Bukhari, Ibn Kathir

to finalise the chain of Messengers. 91

Proof # 10

The Holy Prophet 🐉 said that Allah wrote the destinies of the creation fifty thousands years before He created the heavens and earth, and His throne was on the water, and among the things that have been written in the Zikr, which is the Mother of the Book, is that Mohammed is the Seal of Prophets. Syedna Al Irbadh ibn Sariya , said that the Prophet said, "According to Allah, I am the Seal of the Prophets, while Adam was still in clay." 92

⁹¹ Muslim ⁹² Muslim

THE SAHABA COMMEMORATED THE MAWLID OF THE HOLY PROPHET, AND HE ALLOWED THEM.

Prior to presenting the proofs for the captioned subject, readers are requested to note the Islamic rule of jurisprudence (Shariah) that EVEN the MERE SILENCE of the Holy Prophet upon his witnessing of any event / action (and not preventing or expressly forbidding it) constitutes an approval of the same, and it thus becomes an approved action.

Proofs From The Ahadeeth

Proof # 1

The Prophet's uncle alAbbas composed poetry praising the birth of the Holy Prophet, in which are found the following lines: "When you were born, the earth was shining, and the firmament barely contained your light, and we can pierce through, thanks to that radiance and light and path of guidance." 93

Proof # 2

The Holy Prophet heard Syedna Anas and other Companions <u>praising him and reciting poems</u> while digging before the famous battle of the Trench (Khandaq), as they said: "We are the ones who gave bay`a to Mohammed for jihad as long as we are living." ⁹⁴

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Proof # 4

Narrated Syedna Anas ibn Malik : When the Messenger of Allah : came to Medina, the Abyssinians played for his coming due to joy; they played with spears. 96

⁹³ Imam Suyutee's, Husn al-maqsid, Ibn Kathir's Mawlid, Ibn Hajar's Fath al-Bari

⁹⁴ Bukhari & others

⁹⁵ From the Diwan of Hassaan bin Thabit

⁹⁶ Sunan Abu Daud

Narrated Syedna Al-Bara bin Azib : The first people who came to us (in Medina) were Mus'ab bin 'Umar and Ibn Um Maktum who were teaching Qur'an to the people. Then came Bilal, Sa'd and 'Ammar bin Yasir. After that 'Umar bin Al-Khattab came along with twenty other companions of the Prophet. Later on the Prophet himself (came to Medina) and I had never seen the people of Medina so joyful as they were on the arrival of Allah's Messenger, for even the slave girls were saying, "Allah's Messenger has arrived!" And before his arrival I had read the Surah starting with:--" Proclaim the Purity of your Lord, the Supreme" (87.1) together with other Surahs of Al-Mufassal. 97

Proof # 6

Narrated Syedna Anas bin Malik :: Then Allah's Messenger alighted by the side of the Al-Harra and sent a message to the Ansaar, and they came to Allah's Prophet and Abu Bakr, and having greeted them, they said, "Ride (your she-camels) safe and obeyed." Allah's Messenger and Abu Bakr rode and the Ansaar, carrying their arms, surrounded them. The news that Allah's Prophet had come circulated in Medina. The people came out and were eagerly looking and saying "Allah's Prophet has come! Allah's Prophet has come! So the Prophet went on till he alighted near the house of Abu Ayyub. While the Prophet was speaking with the family members of Abu Ayyub, `Abdullah bin Salam heard the news of his arrival while he himself was picking the dates for his family from his family garden. He hurried to the Prophet carrying the dates which he had collected for his family from the garden. He listened to Allah's Prophet and then went home. 98

Proof # 7

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The companions mentioned the remembrance of Allah, guidance, Islam and favours, and there is no doubt that the Holy Prophet is Allah's great favour, and that Allah is well pleased who thank Him for His favours! It is obvious here that the Sahaba had not been specifically instructed to form such a remembrance group – and their witness was the Holy Prophet 🙈, who gave them glad tidings for this deed of theirs. May Allah grant us the same wisdom.

⁹⁷ Bukhari

⁹⁸ Bukhari

⁹⁹ Muslim

CONCLUSION

BY GRACE OF ALMIGHTY ALLAH, FROM THE ABOVE, IT IS HAS BEEN AMPLY PROVEN THAT:-

- 1) Allah, the Almighty, has Himself commemorated Mawlid of the Holy Prophet, and that of various other Prophets.
- 2) Allah has gifted mankind with innumerable favours due to the Mawlid of the Holy Prophet, and that these favours shall continue. This commemoration by Allah is still ongoing.
- 3) The earlier Prophets commemorated the Mawlid of the Holy Prophet, their own Mawlid, and that of their sons.
- 4) The Holy Prophet has commemorated his own Mawlid.
- 5) The Sahaba commemorated the Mawlid of the Holy Prophet, whilst he was a witness to it.
- **6)** Allah wants us to remember His favours, His Prophets, His "days" etc.
- 7) So in light of the above, Mawlid commemoration is not an innovation at all.
- 8) Other than 2 compulsory Eids, there are other non-obligatory "Eids" (days of joy) in Islam.
- 9) Fixing a date for commemorating any of Allah's favours, is not against Islamic law.
- 10) We are in fact through Mawlid refuting the wrong Christian belief, and upholding Tawheed.

AND ALLAH, THE SUPREME, KNOWS BEST.

Peace And Abundant Blessings Be Upon Our Master Mohammed - The Leader Of The Creation – And Upon His Virtuous Wives, His Progeny, His Companions, And All His Followers. May Allah keep us on the Straight Path. Aameen.

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